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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I support the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case. It is time to put this lawsuit behind us and move on to better things like developing better products. Microsoft and its competitors should all be improving and innovating all the time, not focusing on litigation. The people in the marketplace will choose the best products for their needs. So far the people have chosen Microsoft. The fact that Microsoft has been dominant does not mean it has been harmful. Along with Intel on the hardware side, Microsoft has dictated the standard that people have chosen to follow and build upon.

I do think the corporate world needs some oversight. The settlement will open up Microsoft to its PC industry even further than it is now. This is in stark contrast to the successful, but not dominant strategy of Apple Computer, which has been to maintain close, sole, proprietary control over all major facets of its business, from design to manufacturing, and from hardware to software. Microsoft has agreed, for example, to disclose the copyrighted software of the internal interfaces to Windows. I am pro-competitive. The settlement will be good for American consumers and industry, in my opinion.

I thank you, Mr. Ashcroft, for your support of the Microsoft settlement.

Sincerely,

Jimmy W. Tucker